

1 Honorable Karen A. Overstreet  
2 Chapter 13  
3 Hearing Date: February 26, 2010  
4 Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.  
5 Hearing Location: Courtroom 7206  
6 **Response Date: February 19, 2010**  
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

In re  
ROBERT S. BLENDHEIM and  
DARLENE G. BLENDHEIM,  
Debtors.

No. 09-10283-KAO

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM  
APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION  
OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND  
REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS

28 THIS MATTER having come on before the Court on the interim application of Resolve  
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30 Legal PLLC for an award of compensation herein; and the Court, pursuant to 11 U.S.C §330 and  
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32 Bankruptcy Rule 2016, [the Court finding the fees excessive, as set forth below,

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35 The Court finds the request for fees in the amount of \$33,898.50 is excessive. The  
36 debtors are below median income debtors whose unsecured obligations were discharged in  
37 a chapter 7 proceeding immediately preceding the filing of this chapter 13 petition. The  
38 debtors have yet to confirm a plan, despite multiple attempts and thousands of dollars in  
39 fees incurred by Resolve. The billing statements reflect an excessive number of interoffice  
40 conferences between the numerous attorneys and paralegals working on the case. The  
41 numbers of individuals devoted to the case was excessive given the size of the case and the  
42 financial ability of the debtors to make plan payments. Significant excess fees were incurred  
43 in connection with legal research concerning noncomplicated legal issues, e.g., a motion to  
44 extend the time for filing schedules, the strip down of wholly unsecured liens, and the priority  
45 of homeowners dues and assessments. Substantial fees have been incurred in connection  
46 with the investigation of a predatory lending claim against one or more creditors, however,  
47 no such action has been filed.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court finds the fee application excessive, and that a reasonable award of fees for the services reflected in the billing statements submitted with the Resolve application is \$10,000. Resolve may apply for additional fees upon a showing of the benefit of the services performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED that Resolve Legal PLLC is allowed compensation from January 13, 2009 through January 13, 2010, in the amount of \$10,000.

FURTHER ORDERED that the \$2,774 held in trust for the Debtor by counsel shall be applied to the approved amount of \$10,000.

FURTHER ORDERED that the Chapter 13 Trustee's office is directed to pay the remaining balance of \$7,226 from funds on hand and future funds **following confirmation of the debtors' chapter 13 plan.**

FURTHER ORDERED that costs in the amount of \$718.82 are approved

*Karen A. Poestel*  
United States Bankruptcy Judge  
(Dated as of Entered on Docket date above)

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